

Maine Revised Statutes
Title 22: HEALTH AND WELFARE
Chapter 261-A: PREVENTION OF HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS

§1531. CARE OF INFANTS AFTER BIRTH

Every physician, midwife or nurse in charge shall instill or cause to be instilled into the eyes of an infant upon its birth one or 2 drops of a prophylactic solution prescribed by the department and provided without cost by the department, except an infant whose parents object to this procedure on the grounds that it conflicts with their religious tenets and practices. If one or both eyes of an infant become reddened or inflamed at any time within 4 weeks after birth, the midwife, nurse or person having charge of the infant shall report the condition of the eyes at once to a physician licensed under Title 32, chapter 36 or 48. Failure to comply with this section shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 6 months. [1983, c. 848, §2 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

1983, c. 848, §2 (NEW).

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